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(WASHINGTON, DC) -- Today, the House passed the Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations bill. Due to Congressman Russ Carnahan's efforts to provide funding for local law enforcement, the bill grants funding to three programs that will directly impact the work of the law enforcement and emergency responders in the 3rd Congressional District of Missouri. The bill now moves to the Senate for consideration.

The legislation first helps the St. Louis County Police Department by providing \$100,000 for the department's crime lab unit. The money will provide quicker analysis results to investigators, especially to the investigations involving methamphetamine possession and manufacturing to meet the needs of St. Louis County and surrounding counties for assistance with methamphetamine investigation and prosecution.

Additionally, Carnahan's request for \$185,000 for upgrades to the 911 equipment for the East Central Dispatch System was also included in the legislation. The funding will upgrade the 911 systems of 6 municipalities (Clayton, Maplewood, Olivette, Richmond Heights, Shrewsbury and Webster Groves) and integrate them into one comprehensive system. The integration will allow for a faster and better emergency response.

Finally, Carnahan's request for funds critical to the efforts of Jefferson County in alleviating the consequences of methamphetamine use is included in the bill. The request, for \$220,000 will be granted to the University of Missouri-St. Louis. The University will work with the Jefferson County Family Court to expand, implement and evaluate a unique, standardized approach to training and assessing families after an incident with parental drug abuse. The program will demonstrate and evaluate a family intervention program to ensure that children whose parents have used drugs can safely return home.

"I am pleased that those funding requests were passed in this appropriations bill in the House, and I look forward to the bill's passage through the Senate so that our communities can reap the benefits of these funds," Carnahan said. "If we are going to be serious about making our communities safer, we need to be committed to providing our first responders with the resources and advanced technology to more effectively do

their jobs."